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MISSOULA--

University of Montana President Robert T. Pantzer last night urged incoming freshmen at UM to take advantage of the opportunities that the freedom of college life offers them.

Addressing about 100 high school graduates and their parents who participated in the UM Summer Orientation Program July 15-16 on the UM campus, Pantzer defined the academic and campus activities which would enable the students to become "greater, better citizens and knowlegable individuals" if they would become involved in them during their college career.

The two-day orientation program offered students a chance to register early for classes and become better acquainted with the UM campus. Two more orientation programs for new UM students are scheduled Aug. 5-6 and Sept. 20-21 before fall classes begin.

"College is the time of greatest freedom in all your lives," the UM president said as he urged the students to involve themselves in student government, cultural, academic and service groups that are active on the UM campus.

"The only real reason for us to be here is you," he said, speaking of the University administration. "You are extremely important people," he told the high school graduates, because of the student involvement in the general function of the school and because of the future function as UM alumni.

Academic Vice President Richard G. Landini and Dean of Students Robert R. Fedore also addressed the students and their parents. Introducing the speakers was Robert E. Sorenson, business manager for the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM).

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Dr. Landini, who is in charge of the curriculum at UM, defined the academic freedom which awaits the new UM students because of the elimination of group requirements at UM effective Sept. 1, 1971.

Students will have to be selective and will be in need of academic counseling, he said, because of the number and variety of courses available to them.

Fedore told the prospective University students that the administration, faculty and staff at UM are "concerned, willing, and have tremendous expertise in advising students. Help is here when you need it."

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